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**Via Online Filing**

January 13, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, *Secretary*  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Form 555 in Docket **WC 14-171**

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Attached, please find a copy of the North Penn Telephone Company's Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form (FCC FORM 555) which was filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company via the online submission service on January 13, 2015.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please Call.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Prestigiacomo  
CFO

**Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form**  
All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections  
Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission  
**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**  
*Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Annually)*

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">170192</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">Study Area Code (SAC)</div> <div style="font-size: small; margin-bottom: 10px;">(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for <b>each</b> SAC through which it provides Lifeline service).</div>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">PA</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">State</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">N/A</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name</div> <div style="font-size: x-small;">(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">North Penn Telephone Company</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">ETC Name</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Empire Telephone Corp/North Penn Telephone</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">Holding Company Name</div> <div style="font-size: x-small;">(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)</div>

**Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs?**      Yes ☒      No ☐

*Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.*

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
-- See attached worksheet --	

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

**Section 1: Initial Certification** *All ETCs must complete this section*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial TFP

## Section 2: Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

A	B	C	D	E = (A - B - C - D)
Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year  (February data month)	Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers	Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were <u>initially</u> enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year  (These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year
160	0	0	5	155

### Recertification Results:

F	G	H = (F-G)	I	J = (H+I)
Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation	Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact	Number of non-responding subscribers	Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible  (This should be a subset of Block G.)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt
18	10	8	1	9

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
137	0

**Note:** If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

### Certification:

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

A.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial TFP

AND/OR

B.) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on: Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

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OR

C.) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_



### Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

$M = (F+K)$	$N = (J+L)$	$O = ((N \div M) * 100)$
Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC (This should equal the number reported in Block E)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility	Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response
155	9	5.81%

### Section 4: Pre-Paid ETCs

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box; pre-paid ETCs must complete all of Section 4. Pre-paid ETCs generally do not assess or collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are pre-paid ETCs and must complete the chart below.

Is the ETC Pre-Paid? Yes ☒ No ☒

If Yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

P	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
Total Subscribers	0

### Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed,

Thomas Prestigiacomo CFO

Signature of Officer  
tpresti@etcnpt.com  
Email Address of Officer  
Thomas Prestigiacomo  
Person Completing This Certification Form

Printed Name and Title of Officer  
01/13/2015  
Date  
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